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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, JUN 11 1926

Rome, Italy, May 12, 1926.

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SUBJECT: Italian Government Investigation of Eritrea
Mining Possibilities.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

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I have the honor to report that I had the opportunity to meet this afternoon Mr. Luigi Dompé, an inspecting engineer of the Italian Mining Bureau, who informed me that he was leaving tomorrow on a six weeks' mission to the Italian Colony of Eritrea, accompanied by another engineer. While Mr. Dompé was reticent about the object of his mission, he told me that the Italian Government was directing considerable effort to the research of minerals within the home and colonial area of Italy.

It is surmised, accordingly, that his trip to Eritrea has for its object an investigation of the mineral exploration possibilities of that colony. This would be in accordance with the evident desire of the present Italian Ministry to develop as much as possible the economic resources of the Italian Colonies.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Leon Dominian
Leon Dominian,
American Consul in Charge.

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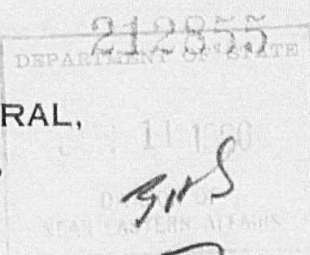
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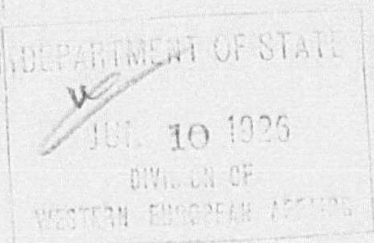
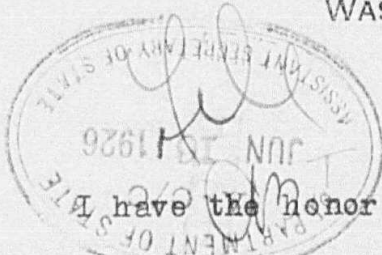
SUBJECT: Mineral Investigations in the Italian Colony
of Eritrea.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

WASHINGTON.

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I have the honor to refer to the Consulate General's Confidential Despatch No. 1259, dated May 12, 1926, and to inform the Department that "Il Giornale d'Italia" (Rome) of May 19, 1926, states the Superior Inspector of the Royal Mining Corps, Engineer Luigi Dompé, accompanied by a geologist, has been sent to Massowa to undertake mineral investigations in the Italian Colony of Eritrea. These two technical experts will make a study of the oil manifestations in evidence in the Red Sea. They will also inquire into the possibility of economic operation of the iron ore deposit at Agametta, the existence and approximate extent of which has been known for some time. Two clippings of "Il Giornale d'Italia" of May 20, 1926, are submitted herewith with translations.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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May 20, 1926, with translations.
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Una inchiesta mineraria nella Eritrea

Il Ministro dell'Economia nazionale e quello delle Colonie nell'intendimento di valorizzare le ricchezze minerarie della Colonia Eritrea, hanno d'accordo disposto un sopralluogo geologico minerario, per studiare la importanza delle manifestazioni petrolifere, che si presentano lungo la costa del Mar Rosso, e determinare la convenienza economica dello sfruttamento del giacimento ferrifero di Agametta, del quale da tempo sono note la esistenza e la potenzialità approssimativa.

L'incarico è stato affidato all'Ispettore superiore nel Corpo Reale delle Miniere, ing. Luigi Dampé, e al geologo Capo del R. Ufficio Geologico, ing. Camillo Crema, i quali sono partiti da Napoli alla volta di Massaua.

TRANSLATION FROM
IL GIORNALE D'ITALIA FOR MAY 19, 1926.

A MINERAL INVESTIGATION IN ERITREA.

In order to develop the mineral wealth of Eritrea the Minister of National Economy and the Minister of the Colonies have determined jointly a geological and mineral investigation and study of the importance of oil manifestations which exist along the Red Sea coast, as well as an investigation of the economic possibilities of the exploitation of the iron deposit at Agametta, of which the existence and extent were known since some time.

The work has been entrusted to Engineer Luigi Dompé, the Superior Inspector of the Royal Corps of Mining, and to Engineer Camillo Crema, Chief Geologist of the Royal Geological Office, who have proceeded to Naples enroute to Massowa.

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NOTE

SEE 846a.63/3 FOR #175
FROM Aden (Park) DATED Aug. 25, 1926
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REGARDING: Enclosing completed questionnaire regarding mineral
situation and production in 1925 in Eritrea.

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FROM Aden (Park) DATED June 22, 1927
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